Departments and have limited number of seats. Moreover, the trained staff of the Ministry often goes out of the Ministry on promotion, deputation and transfer and fresh staff joins in their place.

(c) Keeping in view that 10 typists and stenographers cold be covered in one year, the existing staff could be given training in Hindi typing and stenography within a period of two years.

Promotion of Engineers in CPWD

5292. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2375 given in Rajya Sabha on 16th March, 2000 and state:

(a) whether the CPWD has followed the D.O.P.T. guidelines regarding the consideration zone for promotion to the post of Executive Engineer (C) Against which 314 Assistant Engineers (C) have been promoted to the post of Executive Engineer (C) on regular basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given below:—

Year	No. of vacancies	No. of candidates		
		Normal Zone	Extended Zone for ST	Tota
1994-95	182	368	6	374
1995-96	239	482	5	487
1996-97 (Upto 28.10.96)	176	356	3	359

(c) Does not arise inview of reply to (a) and (b) above.

Proposal to Decongest Old and Ancient Cities

5293. SHRI B. J. PANDA Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to decongest the cities, particularly old and ancient cities;